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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Takahiro NAKA, Masumi YOSHINO, Hideto MATSUZAKA,  
Eiko YANAGIDA  
COLORING AGENT AMOUNT RECORDING APPARATUS, COLORING  
AGENT MATERIALS COST PROCESSING APPARATUS, COLORING  
AGENT CARTRIDGE, AND COLLECTION OF THE CARTRIDGE  
**Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**  
Our Ref: Q68810

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. PCT/JP01/05959 filed July 10, 2001 of Takahiro NAKA, Masumi YOSHINO, Hideto MATSUZAKA, Eiko YANAGIDA entitled COLORING AGENT AMOUNT RECORDING APPARATUS, COLORING AGENT MATERIALS COST PROCESSING APPARATUS, COLORING AGENT CARTRIDGE, AND COLLECTION OF THE CARTRIDGE.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, thirty-six (36) sheets of drawings. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 and preliminary amendment.

The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form will be submitted at a later date.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-210162	July 11, 2000
Japan	2000-267067	September 4, 2000
Japan	2000-379737	December 14, 2000

The priority documents are submitted herewith.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>25</u> - 20 = <u>5</u>	x \$18.00 = <u>\$90.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>7</u> - 3 = <u>4</u>	x \$84.00 = <u>\$336.00</u>
Base Fee		<u>\$740.00</u>

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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$1166.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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